

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the instant application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for concealing displayed confidential patient information comprising the steps of:

providing a system including at least one publicly accessible display for displaying confidential information ~~of a patient supplied by a user~~ and at least one private display for displaying the confidential information displayed by the publicly accessible display, wherein the private display is accessible only to authorized health care personnel, wherein the at least one publicly accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network;

receiving ~~the confidential~~ patient identification information supplied by the ~~user~~ patient from an input device connected to the publicly accessible display;

retrieving patient information from a central data store based on the supplied patient identification information;

displaying the confidential information including the supplied patient identification information and the retrieved patient information at the publicly accessible display for a predetermined time period, wherein the publicly accessible display is ~~configured to display~~ disposed within a housing so that the confidential information is only viewable by [[to]] the patient a view from within a predetermined viewing angle and a predetermined distance to the publicly accessible display;

displaying the confidential information at the private display for review by the authorized health care personnel;

concealing the confidential information displayed at the publicly accessible display upon expiration of the predetermined time period or upon a user request of the patient, the concealing step including at least one of:

removing the confidential information from the publicly accessible display;

covering the confidential information; and

presenting the information in a nonsensical format;

sending a notification signal to the authorized health care personnel indicating that the user patient is present; and

storing at least a portion of the confidential information in a local data store for the patient to receive proper treatment.

2-10. (Cancelled).

11. (Currently Amended) A system for concealing displayed confidential patient information comprising:

at least one publicly accessible display for displaying confidential information of a patient, the publicly accessible display being disposed within a housing so that the confidential information is only viewable by the patient supplied by a user;

an input device for receiving the patient identification information supplied by the patient, the input device being connected to the publicly accessible display;

a central data store from which patient information can be retrieved based on the supplied patient identification information;

at least one private display for displaying the confidential information displayed by the publicly accessible display, wherein the private display is accessible only to authorized health care personnel, wherein the at least one publicly accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network;

~~an input device for receiving the confidential information from the user, the input device being connected to the publically accessible display;~~

a device for sending a notification signal to the authorized health care personnel indicating that the user patient is present; and

a local data store for storing at least a portion of the confidential information for the patient to receive proper treatment;

wherein the confidential information including the supplied patient identification information and the retrieved patient information is displayed at the publically accessible display for a predetermined time period;

~~wherein the publically accessible display is configured to display the confidential information to only a view from within a predetermined viewing angle and a predetermined distance to the publically accessible display;~~

wherein the confidential information displayed at the publically accessible display is concealed upon expiration of the predetermined time period or upon a user request of the patient;

wherein the confidential information is concealed by at least one of removing the confidential information from the publically accessible display, covering the confidential information, and presenting the information in a nonsensical format.

12. (Cancelled).

13. (Original) The system according to claim 11, further comprising at least one wireless transceiver for at least one of sending and receiving at least a portion of the confidential information.

14. (Cancelled).

15. (Currently Amended) A machine readable storage, having stored thereon a computer program having a plurality of code sections executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform the steps of:

providing a system including at least one publically accessible display for displaying confidential information of a patient ~~supplied by a user~~ and at least one private display for displaying the confidential information displayed by the publically accessible display, wherein the private display is accessible only to authorized health care personnel, wherein the at least one publically accessible display and at least one private display are connected through a network;

receiving ~~the confidential~~ patient identification information supplied by the ~~user~~ patient from an input device connected to the publically accessible display;

retrieving patient information from a central data store based on the supplied patient identification information;

displaying the confidential information including the supplied patient identification information and the retrieved patient information at the publically accessible display for a predetermined time period, wherein the publically accessible display is ~~configured to display~~ disposed within a housing so that the confidential information is only viewable by ~~[[to]] the patient a view from within a predetermined viewing angle and a predetermined distance to the publically accessible display;~~

displaying the confidential information at the private display for review by the authorized health care personnel;

concealing the confidential information displayed at the publically accessible display upon expiration of the predetermined time period or upon a ~~user~~ request of the patient, the concealing step including at least one of:

removing the confidential information from the publically accessible display;

covering the confidential information; and

presenting the information in a nonsensical format;

sending a notification signal to the authorized health care personnel indicating that the ~~user~~ patient is present; and

storing at least a portion of the confidential information for the patient to receive proper treatment.

16-22. (Cancelled).